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518 E. Pearl St. Geneseo, Il. 61254 May 27, 2003

Federal Communications Commission Media Bureau 445 12th Street SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir:

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It is hard for me to believe that media conglomerates want to serve the community better. It is more like wanting to get bigger and bigger.

Loosening the restrictions on cross-ownership rules would be a disaster for TV viewers and radio listeners.

What choices would they have? ALMOST NIL!

The Communists have the same philosophy.

Whatever happend to the competitive spirit this GREAT nation had?

Two companies in the Quad Cities own all the commercial radio stations. We get as much creative and public service programming that a snail can hold in its compact mind.

Loosening cross-ownership rules is a BAD idea. IT'S A TERRIBLE IDEA!

This excessive de-regulation is ending up as bad for competition, the First Amendment and democracy.

Please drop the idea of loosening the cross-ownership rules for the good of the country.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jos. E. Lobaito

48 Highland Road, P.O. 19 East Dennis, MA 02641 May 31, 2003

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Dear Gentlemen.

As a pioneer in the public relations profession, I am well aware of the power of words. Having held a variety of elected and appointed positions in various aspects of local and regional government, I am also aware of the subtle ways in which public opinion can be manipulated, the most dangerous of which is the control of information.

The decision, reported to be made on June 2, by the FCC to permit media giants to control public opinion by unbridled ownership of media outlets in given areas is the supreme offense to our democratic 'right to know'. I urge you to vote against this proposal. Furthermore, I am shocked that Chairman Michael Powell would encourage this proposal. This is not a partisan issue; this is an issue that concerns the fundamental rights of Americans to have access to a variety of news sources in order to formulate our opinions.

This decision may be particularly important to us senior citizens who do not utilize computers/Internet, where our access to a variety of opinions may be broader. Please take this point into consideration also.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth K. Phillips

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